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TO: C.C. CAFFALL, PRESIDENT
PACIFIC RIM TRADE ASSOCIATION
PORTLAND, OREGON

REF: COMMERCIAL CABLE OF JULY 14, 1978

THE EMBASSY HAS CLOSELY MONITORED THE SITUATION OF AKIRA SAHEKI DURING HIS CURRENT STAY IN KOREA. BOTH COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MR. SAHEKI ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS. WE HAVE PROVIDED MR. SAHEKI WITH A LIST OF LAWYERS FROM WHICH HE HAS SELECTED COUNSEL. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED TO SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS THAT THIS IS A TRADE DISPUTE FOR WHICH A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BY THE POLICE IS NOT THE PROPER MEANS FOR SEEKING A SOLUTION. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO CONTACTED THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN. REPORTS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES. AS OF THIS DATE MR. SAHEKI IS STILL BEING QUESTIONED AND IS NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. AMERICAN EMBASSY, SEOUL.
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